

ECE 344L Course Summary

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1. Course Introduction

Computer hardware and software evolution

2. Number Formats

Bits

Bytes

Decimal

Binary

Hexadecimal

Words – vary by machine – MIPS – Word 32 bits

$X = \{x_{w-1} \dots x_0\}$

Integer Formats

Signed – value = $\sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i 2^i$

Unsigned – value = $-x_{w-1} 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i 2^i$

(Remember that bits are indexed as: $x_{w-1} \dots x_0$)

Alignment requirements for storing integers in memory

3. Character Formats

ASCII

UTF-8

4. Computer Operations

Fetch – Decode – Execute

5. Computer Architecture

Harvard

Von Neumann

CISC

RISC

Load/Store Architecture

Fixed length instructions

One instruction per clock cycle

Limited addressing modes

Many general-purpose registers – data and addresses

6. MIPS Processor

Virtual & Physical Memory addresses

Fixed Map Translation

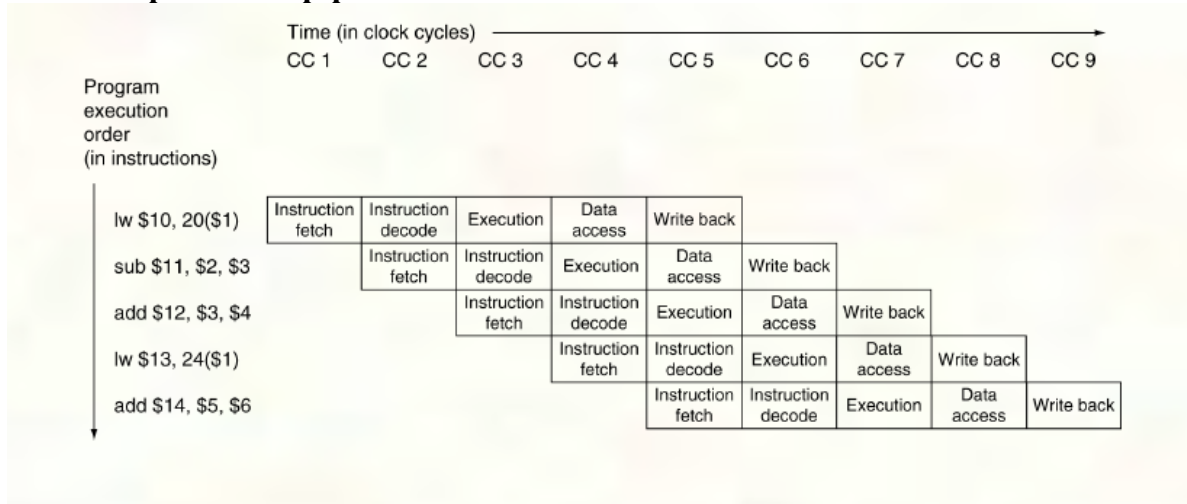
Addressing: one mode – Base register + displacement

Stack operations

Register usage conventions

Assembly Language programming

7. MIPS processor pipeline



Data Hazards

Control Hazards

8. Microcontroller Characteristics – MIPS with integrated peripherals

Configuration using SFRs

Communication with peripherals with SFRs

Monitor peripheral status using SFRs

9. System Clocks

SYSCLK

PBCLK

USBCLK

PERIPHERALS

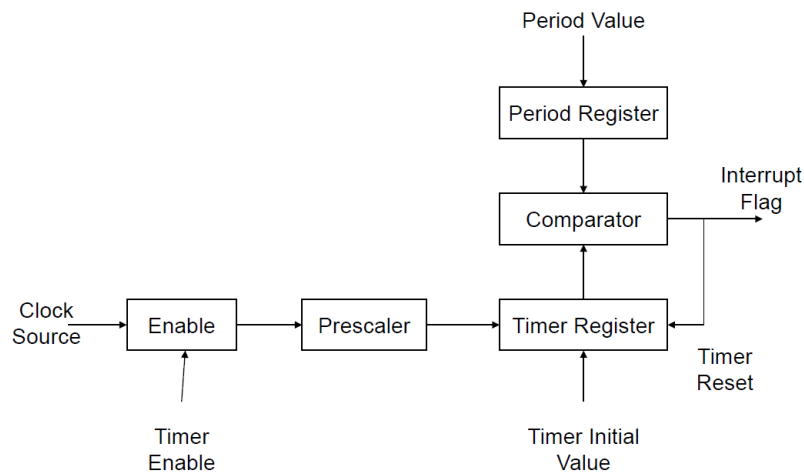
10. Ports

Digital I/O – inputs or outputs

Some shared with analog inputs

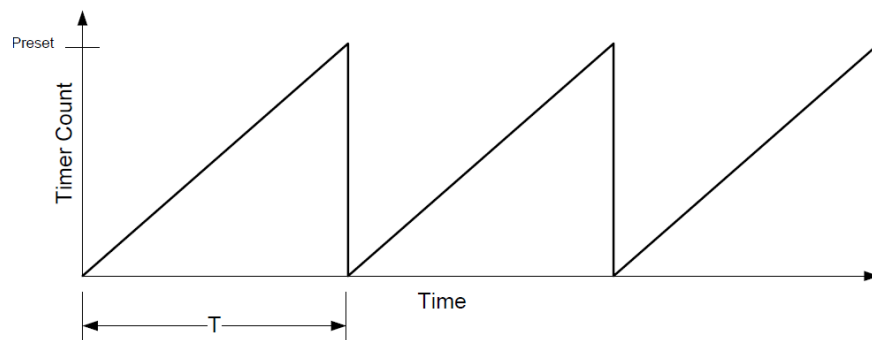
Open Drain configuration option

11. Timers



Type A & B timers

All are 16 bit or 32 bit with 2&3 or 4&5



12. Communication Characteristics

Parallel – multiple bits simultaneously

Serial – One bit at a time

Synchronous – A clock is transmitted

Asynchronous – No transmitted clock

Full Duplex – Tx and Rx simultaneously

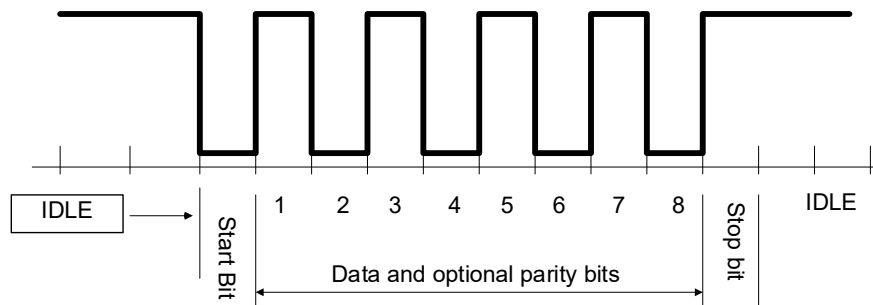
Half Duplex – Tx or Rx at any given time

13. Serial Communication Peripherals

SPI – synchronous, full duplex

I2C, aka I²C or two-wire – synchronous, half duplex

UART – asynchronous – fixed baud rate – extract synchronization info from signal



Character data encoding for transmission

ASCII

UTF-8

14. Interrupts

PIC32 uses an interrupt controller to provide support for up to 96 sources

Can be used in lieu of constant status polling for more efficient operation

Requirements to use interrupts

- Need a source
- The specific interrupt for the source must be enabled
- Need an interrupt service routine to respond to the interrupt (ISR)

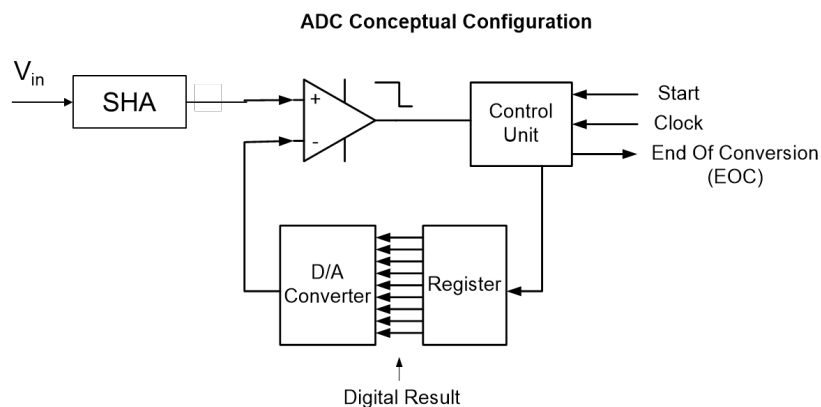
ISR Requirements

- An ISR cannot be called directly by any other function
- Argument cannot be passed to an ISR
- An ISR cannot return any values
- Ideally, and ISR should not call any other functions

15. Processing Analog signals (Analog to Digital Converter – ADC)

Two types of ADC

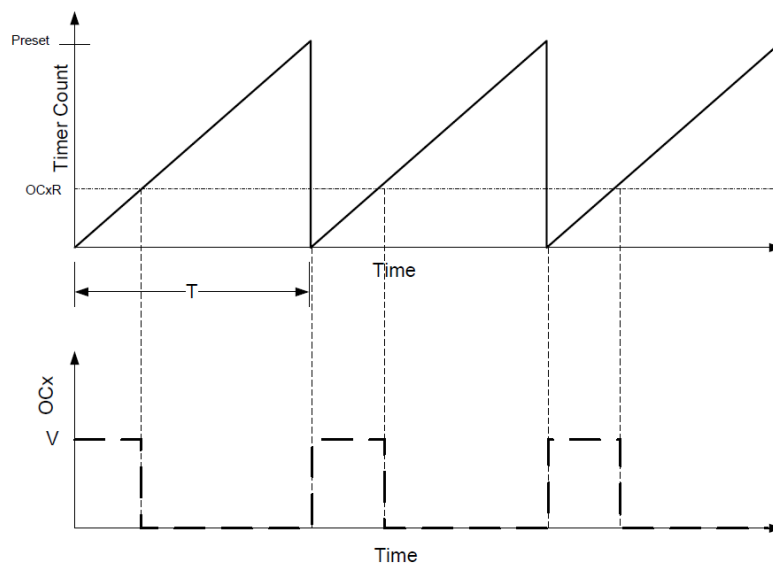
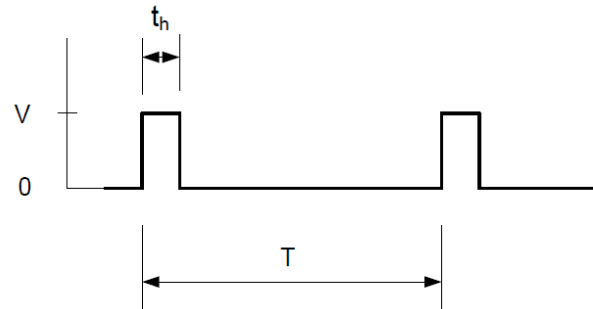
- Flash or direct conversion
- Successive Approximation



Sample processing time = acquisition + conversion time

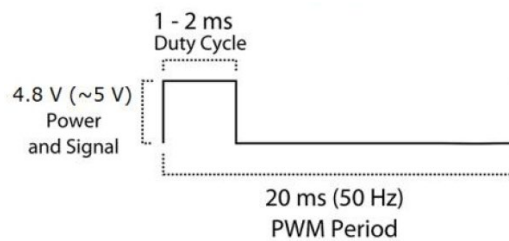
16. Pulse Width Modulated (PWM) Signal and Output Compare

$$\text{Duty Cycle} = \left(\frac{t_h}{T} \right) * 100 \%$$



17. Servo Motors – range of motion is limited

Position "0" (1.5 ms pulse) is middle, "90" (~2ms pulse) is middle, is all the way to the right, "-90" (~1ms pulse) is all the way to the left.



18. Stepper Motors – full 360° range of motion – moves in step increments

Multiple configuration – unipolar and bipolar windings

Internal shaft rotation

Full step – 11.25° /step

Half step – 5.625° /step

Output shaft rotation

Full step – 0.1758° /step

Half step – 0.0879° /step

Moves in either direction by energizing phases one or two at a time.

(Unipolar)

One Phase Half Step Sequencing

Step	A	C	B	D
1	1	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0
3	0	1	0	0
4	0	1	1	0
5	0	0	1	0
6	0	0	1	1
7	0	0	0	1
8	1	0	0	1